

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2001, Applicant hereby identifies claims as corresponding to species as defined in an earlier Office Action. Some of the original species definitions are difficult to define, but Applicant has attempted to match the pending claims with such species.

In general, the pending claims are grouped into several groups. Each group consists of a single independent claim, and a set of associated dependent claims. The dependent claims for each independent track the other groups, although they are not identical due to differences between the independent claims. In the listing below, claims that could be placed together are identified with the original species defined by the previous examiner.

Claim 54, as originally filed, was a variation on original Claim 17, which was identified with species 13. Original Claim 17 included features relating to transmission of speech information, and all of the pending claims do also. All independent claims are believed to fall within species 13, and these claims can be considered generic to the additional species described below.

The following dependent claims can be grouped together as falling within species 14: 90, 127, and 161.

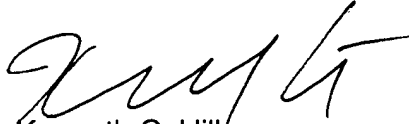
The following dependent claims can be grouped together as falling within species 21: 64 – 68, 74, 75, 96 – 107, 110, 111, 134 – 142, 145, 146, 166 – 174, 177, and 178.

The remaining claims, 54⁵⁷ – 63, 67 – 73, 76⁸⁶ – 90, 91 – 95, 108, 109, 112¹²³ – 126, 128 – 133, 143, 144, 147¹⁵⁷ – 160, 162 – 165, 175, 176, and 179 – 188, are believed to best be grouped into species 13, the originally elected species. Because all of the independent claims are believed to fall within the elected species, Applicant requests examination of the additional claims as well.

If the Examiner has any questions or observations regarding the above definition of claims, he is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the number set forth below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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